

**GRASSY TRAIL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
1996 NOTES**

March 4, 1996

NOTICE TO THE WATER USERS OF GRASSY TRAIL CREEK

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with Title 73, Chapter 5, Utah Code Annotated, 1953, a meeting of the water users of Grassy Trail Creek and representatives of the Division of Water Rights will be held **Wednesday March 13 1996 at 1:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held at:

The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the need for the State Engineer to organize a distribution system on Grassy Trail Creek and appoint a water commissioner. The discussion will address the organization and operation of distribution systems, the duties of the system committee, the authority and duties of the commissioner, the annual water user assessments, and the need for measuring devices.

In accordance with the American with Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodations should notify Lee Sim at 538-7380 or Mark Page at 637-1303 at least three days prior to the meeting.

Your participation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Morgan, P.E.
State Engineer

MARCH 28, 1996 MEETING WITH THE WATER USERS

WATER USERS INCLUDED IN ASSESSMENT

There are three water users who will be assessed for the costs of the distribution system. The assessment for this year will be based on the percentage each one has of the first class water on the system. The water users and the percentages are:

East Carbon City - 70%

The successor to the Sunnyside Coal Co. - 20%

The Sunnyside Cogeneration Assoc. - 10%

The Sunnyside Coal Co. is in bankruptcy and is being purchased. Mark will check to see if any deeds have been filed and if the water rights are included. He will let us know where to send the assessment notice.

BUDGET

The water users agreed that the commissioner should be paid a flat rate of \$25 per day for each day that he measures and regulates the system. This would include all his travel expenses.

Contractual Services	\$750
Bonding Expense	100
Annual Report	50
Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>50</u>
	\$950

COMMISSIONERS DUTIES

The commissioner will measure and regulate water at the diversions indicated with an * and will prepare an annual report.

#1 the dam and reservoir

* #2 the city intake into the pipeline (each day of regulation, he will get the information of how much water is going into the pipeline from the city)

#3 Inactive

* #4 Power Plant / Irrigation Diversion

#5 Inactive (Barker?) Diversion washed out

#6 Irrigation Diversion (high water) - measuring device needed

#7 Inactive diversion washed out

* #8 Pillings (power plant) below this is diversion is where the BLM would like to see .008 cfs maintained in the stream between February and June (when cattle are on the allotments). They would either leave it in the stream or put it in a stock water pipeline.

#9 Biggs - inactive but could become active - needs a measuring device.

It was felt that regulation and measurement would generally be needed every other day for about six weeks starting when there was water at diversion #4 (when the reservoir started to spill or water

was being released and ending when the reservoir stopped spilling). This would generally be between April 1 and June 15. There will also be a short period during the winter months when water is released from the reservoir and regulation would probably be needed for 4 days or so then.

RECOMMENDATION FOR COMMISSIONER

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Casey and Mark will train the commissioner

SYSTEM CHAIRMAN

Paul Clark - Mayor of East Carbon City
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APRIL 5, 1996 MEETING WITH MIKE QUEALY, SCOTT LOVELESS (BLM), & BOYD CHRISTENSEN (BLM)

Blm were concernd about having the commission deliver stockwater to them under their 1869 (?) priority water right. The difficulty being that generally the last point where water is delivered is at diversion #4 which is about 4 miles upstream (priority date of 1878 and 1885). The BLM right would be for about .01 cfs. Our position is that we could not justify cutting the diversion at #4 to guarantee water at their point of diversion regardless of the priority date.

After some discussion with Mike, an alternative way of getting water to the BLM was proposed. The BLM appears to be willing to install a pipeline and trough stockwatering system to increase their efficiency and spread the stock better over the allotment. Mike suggested the BLM extend their pipeline to the city system and enter into an agreement to have the city deliver its water and file any necessary change applications. Also, East Carbon City wants to drill another well. The area is closed to new appropriations because it is tributary to the Colorado River. The city does not want a fixed time approval. Mike suggested that the city might want to purchase some water from Div Wildlife Resources which has an early priority direct flow right on the Green River which it is not able to use right now and move it into the well and perhaps BLM could participate with them in purchasing the water and the well. Scott suggested that perhaps the BLM right could be transferred to

the new city well and the city would be able to use any water from the right that the BLM did not need.

Scott and Boyd are going to pursue this possibility with the city.